

KAUFF LOOKING AHEAD WHEN HE REFUSED TO SANCTION SALE OF CONTRACT TO GIANTS

KAUFF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK FEDERAL LEAGUE CONTRACT

Slugging Outfielder's Protest Against Sale to New York Giants Is Not Done for Sake of Publicity

BENNY KAUFF, the Ty Cobb of the Federal League, has been referred to as "Benny the boob," but after hearing the reasons why Kauff will not play with the New York National League Club, to which he was sold by Harry Sinclair, one may be convinced that the brilliant young outfielder is anything but a "boob."

Kauff asks what right Sinclair has to sell his services to the Giants. He also wants to know why he is not a free agent, eligible to sign with the team offering the best inducements. And he wants to know how the Federal League can control the future of ball players when it is admittedly a thing of the past. The fence-breaker adds that it is none of his affair if Organized Ball believes that it must give the Federal League owners a chance to get back some of the money lost, and insists that it will not be made by selling his contract.

Under the circumstances the natural inclination of the fan would be to consider Kauff rather arrogant and a trifle conceited. Perhaps he is both; but he has certainly made it clear that the magnates who are buying and selling ball players at will are likely to encounter a snag in dealing with stars. The willingness of the Federal League and Organized Ball to live up to the contracts carried by the players of the former made a great impression on the fans and the players who are not highly rated, but players of Kauff's caliber, who are in demand, are certain to make trouble.

Kauff Making Most of His Opportunity

Kauff probably is right in saying that Sinclair has no right to sell his release. In the eyes of the high court of baseball, the National Commission, this is perfectly legitimate, but it is a matter of doubt if there is a court that would not declare Kauff a free agent if the case were permitted to go that far. Kauff claims that the transfer of a player's contract from a league which is no longer in existence to another party can be done only if the player consents and Kauff can hardly be blamed for not agreeing to the transfer unless the Giants will give him a new contract, calling for more money or a percentage of the purchase price from Harry Sinclair.

In taking his stand Kauff is certain to be criticised, but he is taking advantage of the fact that he is one of the few ball players who are today in a position where he can dictate. Some magnates have made no secret of the fact that the day of the detaching ball player was at an end and that in the future they would take what they were offered or nothing, so Kauff is making the most of his opportunity.

Kauff says he will get what he wants or will quit the game, and there will be no way of preventing him from doing this. It is possible, however, for Organized Ball to award him to New York and to have a secret agreement which will prevent any other team from dickered for his services, which would mean that Kauff would either have to play with the Giants or make good his threat to quit.

Hawaiian Athletes Shine at Harvard

It is odd that the Hawaiian Islands should produce so many good athletes, the majority of whom have earned fame at Harvard. Joe Gilman, captain-elect for the 1916 Crimson eleven, is the latest Harvard star from Uncle Sam's far-off isle. Among his predecessors from Hawaii were the Withington brothers, Ray Hitchcock and Al Castle.

The three Withingtons were all varsity athletes of renown. Lothrop Withington captained the 1910 eleven, while his brother Paul played center. Paul was also a track star, suddenly blossoming forth as a wonderful two-miler in 1913, when he won this event in the Intercollegiate from a field of great runners. After graduation Withington was treasurer of the Harvard Athletic Association. A younger brother, Tweaker, earned his varsity letter in football and track work in 1914 and 1916.

Castle was a pitcher on the 1905 team, and was rated as a wonder, several professional clubs having offered him a contract, and he was partially responsible for Gilman entering Harvard. Gilman bids fair to surpass all athletes who entered Harvard from the Hawaiian Islands, although the great football and baseball ability of Hitchcock leaves a record hard to beat.

Gilman has played three years of varsity football and is rated as one of the greatest linemen in the country. He is an excellent pitcher, and is likely to share the bulk of the burden with Eddie Mahan. He is a great shot-putter, and may be used on the track team instead of the nine if another good pitcher is developed. Gilman prepared for Harvard at Phillips Exeter, playing on the same team with Black, who will captain Yale next fall.

McGraw Thinks Left-handed Hitters Are Going Back

John McGraw contends that there is not one scientific left-handed hitter in the game. Baseball fans will agree with McGraw if he bars Eddie Collins and Ty Cobb. The "Georgia Peach" is a free swinger, but is also a place hitter, and must be considered a scientific batsman. There have been very few place hitters who were right handed, and there is not one of them in the game today. Shorter fields and a craze for long-distance hitting are believed to have caused youngsters breaking in to forget that Willie Keeler, Roy Thomas, McGraw, Jesse Burkett, Emmett Heidrick and several others hit above the 300 mark year after year by deliberately placing the ball just out of the reach of the fielders and invariably on the left side of the diamond, when they might have been great long-distance hitters had they cared to pull the ball.

The only right handed who did much place hitting in the last 20 years are Harry Davis and Hughie Jennings. There are several good hit and run batters still in the game, but they seem to forget the art of placing the ball when the bases are clear or there is no chance for a hit-and-run play. Still they insist that the old timers did not play real baseball.

While on the subject, it might be well to recall the remarks of an old timer, who says that the game has not improved at all, but that the fans understand it better because the baseball writers are better than they were in the old days and that the newspapers devote more space to the game, and thus enable the people to become more thoroughly acquainted with the inside facts.

Bowling Coming Back to Its Own

The ancient game of bowling has come back in a wonderful manner and is now more popular in this city than it was 10 years ago, which period was recognized as the greatest in its history in this city. While the game has advanced in this city, the advancement has not been nearly so great as in Cleveland, Buffalo, Washington, Indianapolis, Columbus and several other cities of the West.

The loaded ball which is used a great deal in the West, but which is now barred from tournament games, may be responsible to a large extent for the size of the score rolled in other cities, as several of Philadelphia's best bowlers have made excellent scores in National tournaments, but as a class, several cities appear to be far ahead of this city for producing star bowlers.

A few days ago, Pollard, an Indianapolis bowler, competing in a two-man tourney, gave one of the greatest exhibitions ever recorded in a tournament in this country. Pollard bowled 18 games on six different alleys, for a total of 3915 pins, which is an average of 217½. Pollard's scores were 216, 233, 234, 235, 233, 263, 191, 204, 203, 168, 225, 236, 248, 223, 185, 166, 236 and 213.

Joe Jackson Will Hold His Job With Ease

There is no denying that Joe Jackson is not as valuable to a ball team as his 388 grand average for six years would lead one to believe, but there is no danger of his losing his position as a regular in the White Sox outfield. Jackson may be a slow thinker and an individual star, but as he only has to contend with Eddie Murphy, "Happy" Felsch, John Collins and Jacques Fournier for a regular position, he will have little trouble holding his position.

A story has been going the rounds that Jackson would be benched in favor of Fournier, because the latter hits almost as well and is a better man in other departments. That is just like benching Eddie Collins for a recruit, as Fournier affects opposing players and the fans much humor when he tries to play the outfield.

Jack Blackburn, considered one of the game's greatest light and welterweight boxers until he ran afoul of the law, has made Indianapolis his home and is staging a great come-back. He has registered four quick knockouts over middleweights who are rated highly in the middle west.

JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYERS NEED MUCH COACHING

Hoskins Approves of the Movement to Help Young Racquet Wielders

INTERESTING INTERVIEW

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 3D

It is seldom that one has the pleasure of hearing Mr. Albert L. Hoskins, vice president of the U. S. N. L. T. A., speak his views on tennis in general and around Philadelphia in particular. This latter is possibly because words fail to express his views on it.

However, it was my pleasure to have a long conversation with Mr. Hoskins on these matters and several interesting points were brought to light. "First," Mr. Hoskins warmly approved of and promised his support to the movement to develop the juniors around Philadelphia, which Doctor Dewhurst, Mr. Gibson and all are in charge of. Mr. Hoskins offered to interest Merion and Huntingdon Valley Clubs in the movement, and also said he would take charge of the practices at the various clubs whenever possible.

"It is a fine idea," said Mr. Hoskins. "There are many juniors around the city who need encouragement. I am heartily in favor of it and will do anything in my power to assist. This from such a prominent tennis official is indeed a boost."

Mr. Hoskins then turned his attention to the matter of lack of out-of-town entries in our tournaments. He laid the whole blame on the large clubs and their lack of willingness to entertain visiting players.

"They deserve to be severely criticized," said Mr. Hoskins, speaking of the clubs' attitude on these matters. "Why, many of the touring players would hardly know they were guests of the club."

Novel Practice

Mr. Hoskins spoke of a very novel but practical idea which the out-of-town entries could be secured. It is this: Let the Eastern States, from Maryland to Maine, agree together that each State shall send one or more of its leading players to every State tournament within its district. This reciprocity scheme would insure at least six or seven players of merit and rank in all these important tournaments. Mr. Hoskins said he would write the National Association proposing this matter before the next meeting.

The question of inter-city matches was brought up. "Fine," said Mr. Hoskins. "The only trouble is getting the team together, since so many of the boys cannot spare the time. Still it should be encouraged and worked up, if necessary."

Mr. Hoskins clearly views the McCoolin-Bundy matter as one of extreme importance. He is a strict believer in rigid amateur standing and believes that these men have clearly violated clause two of the amateur rule. Mr. Hoskins is against any capitulation of ability in the sporting world as a means of livelihood, either directly or indirectly. There is no compromise in his views.

Junior Movement

Mr. Hoskins seems to feel that the most encouraging sign in the present outlook is the new junior development plan. He says he considered the Philadelphia and District Association an instrument of good in Philadelphia tennis, yet feels that there is still unfortunately a pulling apart between it and the Interclub.

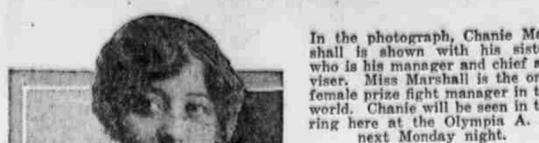
Any comment on the tennis situation by a man whose knowledge of tennis affairs in this and other cities is as profound as Mr. Hoskins is worthy of real thought over it by the players of the city. What he indorses is a pretty good thing to work for. Let us all work for this end. Let us work for the increased entry lists in our tournaments, especially as regards out-of-town players. Let us boom tennis from now on in Philadelphia.

In closing Mr. Hoskins just touched the 1916 ranking of the tennis players, and to the point. The gist of it was that Williams had received an exceedingly raw deal, while the whole list was nearly a farce.

Olympic Champion Goes to War

MONTREAL, Jan. 20.—George Hodgson, Olympic swimming champion, left Montreal for the front, where he is serving in the Royal Canadian Mounted Corps.

BOXER AND HIS SISTER-MANAGER



In the photograph, Chanie Marshall is shown with his sister, who is his manager and chief adviser. Miss Marshall is the only female prize fight manager in the world. Chanie will be seen in the ring here at the Olympia A. A. next Monday night.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Final shift in the ownership in the Cubs was in sight today, though Roger Bresnahan, who holds a 2-year contract as manager of the team, was on his way here from Toledo, O., representing trouble. The hitch in the plan to have Weeghman take the Cubs over yesterday was caused by the absence of President John K. Tener, of the National League. Tener was expected here today to put his official O. K. on the transfer.

Bresnahan, it was said, can't see Weeghman's offer of an unconditional release. He prefers to stand pat on his contract, which is worth somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year. Roger has been told by lawyers his contract is irrevocable.

WILLARD IS OFFERED \$60,000 FOR TWO BOUTS IN NEW YORK

Jimmy Johnson, Manager of Madison Square Garden, Makes Latest Bid for Battle With Frank Moran

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Guarantees of \$60,000 to Jess Willard for two fights in Madison Square Garden, New York, and of \$30,000 to Frank Moran for two contests, were announced here yesterday by Jimmy Johnson, manager of the garden.

He said he came here to see Promoter Jack Curley, but had missed him. His announcement follows: "I will guarantee Jess Willard \$60,000 for two fights. Moran to be his first opponent. Should Willard win decisively, I will give the privilege of selecting his second opponent."

"I also will guarantee Frank Moran \$30,000 for two fights, the first to be with Willard. Moran to receive \$15,000 for his win. If his opponent willard I would select his second opponent."

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"Rickard and McCracken are out of it. They had their money to get the match and refused to meet our figures," said Jones.

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CLAIMS BOWLING RECORD

Westerner Makes 36 Consecutive Strikes in Five-Game Match

ABERDEEN, S. D., Jan. 20.—Roy Flag, of Aberdeen lays claim to the world's record in bowling. He made 36 consecutive strikes in a five-game match. Flag finished his first game with nine strikes, rolled two perfect scores and made three strikes at the beginning of the fourth game.

INDOOR BASEBALL GAME FEATURED BY HARD HITTING

Friends' Central Nines Play Before Big Crowd in School Gymnasium

OTHER SCHOOL COMMENT

The biggest and most important indoor athletic event at the Friends' Central School was staged in the gymnasium yesterday, when the Grays defeated the Blues at baseball, 4 to 2. Catcher Elmer of the victorious Grays, was the leader with the bat. With eight hits he led Doordike and Gree, also of the Grays, who each had seven.

The same, as in years past, was completed by the presence of a prominent major league player as umpire and a well-known sporting writer as scorer. These honors went to Harry Davis, of the Athletics, and William Weart, a local scribe.

By scoring 14 runs in the first inning the Grays went into the lead and were never headed. Players of both teams frequently shifted positions to the inconvenience of Scorer Weart. It seemed that nearly every one wanted to take a turn at pitching the underhand delivery. Eddie Carris, a student at Friends' Central last year, and now prominent in athletics at Swarthmore College, umpired on the bases.

Thornton, rover on the St. Luke's ice hockey team, virtually defeated Episcopal Academy in a game yesterday afternoon. Quinn, who took through the entire Episcopal team in the last few minutes of play, Thornton scored the goal that led to the 1-0 victory. Thornton, the name of the St. Luke's ice hockey coach is Jack Frost.

Lower Merion High found a tough proposition in Philadelphia Trades yesterday afternoon. Morningold, the Tradesmen's crack center, caused the Lower Merion boys loss of 1-0. The entire Philadelphia Trades team in the last few minutes of play, Thornton scored the goal that led to the 1-0 victory. Thornton, the name of the St. Luke's ice hockey coach is Jack Frost.

Cochran Fred Vall, of the West Philadelphia High track team, has a big proposition on his mind. He is planning to enter the annual intercollegiate relay carnival in the gymnasium of the Orange and Blue institutions. It is expected that several hundred students will participate as runners on the various class teams. Sixteen races are on the card.

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PENN TO HAVE GOOD 1916 "GYM" TEAM ON FLOOR

Many Dual Meets Are Scheduled for Red and Blue Gymnasts

HAGERT IS HONORED

The University of Pennsylvania will be the leading factor in intercollegiate gymnastics this season. Not only has the Red and Blue been awarded the Intercollegiate Championship meeting, but the college has also received the pluck of the dual engagements, and a representative of the institution across the Schuylkill has been selected treasurer of the association controlling the sport.

Nine delegates, representing Princeton, Brown, Yale, Harvard, Tufts, New York University, held the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association in New York city on Wednesday night and decided to hold the annual combined gymnastic meet in Weighman Hall at Penn on the evening of March 8.

A. S. Hagert, a delegate of the University of Pennsylvania, was elected treasurer of the association, and he is one of the men who were intrusted with the task of drawing up a standard contract between the colleges, with the intention of putting the association on a firmer foundation.

Hereafter the selection of judges for the intercollegiate meets will be standardized by sending the various schedules to the judges committee which will appoint them. In all probability the majority of the big assignments will go to William Fiedgen, of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde.

Friedgen, who was the captain of the famous team which the Turners sent to the Olympic games more than ten years ago and won the world's championship, has been circulating the various gymnastic and fencing meets for a number of years with the greatest satisfaction.

The intercollegiate schedule as adopted follows: February 11, Princeton vs. Pennsylvania; 12, Philadelphia vs. Brown vs. New York University at N.Y. City; 13, Brown vs. Havard; 14, Pennsylvania vs. Rutgers; 15, Pennsylvania vs. Rutgers at New Brunswick; 16, Brown vs. Amherst; 17, Pennsylvania vs. Tufts; 18, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 19, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 20, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 21, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 22, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 23, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 24, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 25, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 26, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 27, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 28, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 29, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; 30, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven.

March 3, Havard vs. Rutgers at Havard, Pa.; 4, Pennsylvania vs. United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; New York University vs. Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.; Brown vs. Amherst at Amherst, Mass.; 11, Pennsylvania vs. Yale at New Haven; Princeton vs. New York University at New York; Havard vs. United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; 21, Pennsylvania vs. Havard at Cambridge; 18, New York University vs. Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; Yale vs. Princeton at Princeton; 3, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 4, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 5, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 6, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 7, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 8, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 9, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 10, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 11, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 12, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 13, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 14, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 15, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 16, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 17, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 18, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 19, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 20, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 21, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 22, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 23, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 24, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 25, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 26, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 27, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 28, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 29, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark; 30, Princeton vs. Newark Academy at Newark.

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